

## Torres, Francine

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**From:** Arion@StrausCom.com%inter2 [Arion@StrausCom.com] on behalf of Arion@StrausCom.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2005 4:11 PM  
**To:** Torres, Francine  
**Subject:** Organic Pasturing

Dear Ms. Torres,

I write in strong support of the NOSB's recommendation to mandate grazing for ruminants whenever seasonally possible.

Grazed feed must provide a significant portion of the total feed requirements to uphold organic integrity. I firmly believe that lactation of dairy animals is not a stage of production under which animals may be denied pasture for grazing. I would like to see these recommendations be incorporated into the standards as mandated production practices.

Thank you very much,  
Arion Thiboumery